As they cut, pasted, and created, they pondered what the risk of being troubled looks like in their lives and the life of the church. Paul Brooks spoke wisdom into the meeting: "People who are troubled, do trouble." Join us on Sunday to listen and learn more about the risk of being troubled.

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Worship and Program

Sermon Series
Our sermon series this summer:
- **June 25th:** The Risk of Being Troubled
- **July 2nd:** The Risk of Trusting God will Provide
- **July 9th:** The Risk of Letting Go
- **July 16th:** The Risk of Listening

We will follow the lectionary and look for risks God calls us to take.

Announcements
Moving forward, we ask for any announcements for Sunday worship be sent to Office@OldFirstChurch.org before 5 pm on Thursdays. This will help us with clear communication and organization.

Administration
The Session meets this Sunday, June 25, after worship. Among other things, they will examine the proposed budget and discuss the financial health of the church.

Pastoral Note
We begin a congregational five-week Book Study next week on *Necessary Risks* by Teri Ott. The study will be led by Tip Tomberlin, Ellie Stewart, and me. You can join in person at noon in the Calvin Room, or by Zoom at 6:30. We will hold the study strictly to an hour. The author, who is the editor-in-chief of The Presbyterian Outlook, draws on quotes from people who have been marginalized. As a well-educated, wealthy, white woman, and Presbyterian, I appreciate the intention for how the structure of her book challenges me to think about how I listen, and to whom I listen.

In her conclusion, the author draws on theologian, Ada Maria Isasi-Diaz, who shares the mujeristas response to the daily question, “How are you?” Mujeristas respond, “Ahi, en la lucha.” (There – in the struggle.) “La vida es la lucha.” (The struggle is life.) An invitation to this book study intentionally asks our congregation to enter the struggle of what it means to be the church. We will reflect on the work of privileged people moving beyond fear, taking risks to struggle into the sacred work of liberating people, communities, and countries from oppression.

I do hope you will join in, when you can, whether in person, or on-line. I trust that engagement in this work will be life giving.

God’s Presence,
God’s Peace,
Anne Apple